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## Meany Denies CIA Has Spies In Labor Unit

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Chicago, Aug. 22—AFL-CIO  
President George Meany vigor-  
ously denied today charges that



the Central In-  
telligence  
Agency had in-  
filtrated" into  
the labor organ-  
ization's pro-  
gram in Latin  
America.  
Blasting crit-  
ics who have  
charged that  
the American  
Institute for  
Free Labor De-  
velopment was  
"forming revolutions" and act-  
ing as "training school for company  
unions," the executive council of  
the AFL-CIO meeting here passed  
a resolution condemning "the  
campaign of vilification con-  
ducted against the AIFLD."  
At the May Convention of the  
United Auto Workers in Cali-  
fornia, Victor Reuther, head of the  
UAW's international department  
charged that CIA agents had  
been manipulating unions in  
Panama to protect U.S. interests.  
He said the intelligence agency  
was working through unionists  
trained by the AIFLD.

### Another Reuther Charge

Reuther also contended that the  
international labor organization  
was supporting a union in the Do-  
minican Republic opposed to left-  
ist leader Juan Bosch. The left  
wing press and other critics  
joined in the Reuther charge.

The AIFLD, a unit of the AFL-  
CIO International department, is  
financed by U.S. labor, industry,  
and the federal government.  
Formed in 1962, it trains Latin  
American trade unionists and  
promotes better housing and social  
programs.

"I'm no agent of the U.S. gov-  
ernment. No one is going to make  
me into some cloak and dagger  
character," Joseph Bierne, secre-  
tary treasurer of the AIFLD, said  
after yesterday's executive  
session.

### Demands Condemnation

Bierne, also president of the  
Communications Workers of  
America, insisted in the closed  
meeting that the 29-man execu-  
tive council condemn the accusa-  
tions of Victor Reuther.

Victor's brother, Walter, presi-  
dent of the UAW, said, "He's my  
brother and I'm not going to sit  
here without defending him."

Although he said he supported  
the basic goal of the AIFLD, the  
UAW president objected to the  
presence of businessmen on the  
board of the international labor  
organization.

The resolution supporting the  
AIFLD and condemning its de-  
tractors was passed by a 23-2  
vote, with Joseph Curran, presi-  
dent of the Maritime Union and  
Walter Reuther voting against it.  
Jacob Potofsky, president of the  
Amalgamated Clothing Workers  
Union, abstained.